

## TMCC Wish List

- Fire engine for fire science program  
\$250,000
- Bucket or boom truck for facilities services, 40-foot boom  
\$29,000
- Two Gateway 450XL notebook computers for faculty checkout  
\$4,500
- LEGO® robotics kits for physical science  
\$3,342
- Slide scanner, Nikon Coolscan, 35mm scanner for media services  
\$1,179
- Portable smart classroom for graphic arts  
\$6,980
- Four microscopes for biology  
\$7,200
- LogicPro simulator for industrial maintenance technology  
\$960
- DVD player and speaker system for humanities  
\$300

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## TMCC Professor Receives Regents' Teaching Award

Chemistry has been a life-long passion for Truckee Meadows Community College Professor John Clevenger, Ph.D.

"When I was about eight years old, my mother noticed that her measuring things were disappearing from the kitchen. When she went into the bedroom my brother and I shared, all the clothes were piled in the middle of the floor and I was building a lab in the clothes closet. My parents encouraged me and bought me a chemistry set as soon as possible," Clevenger said.

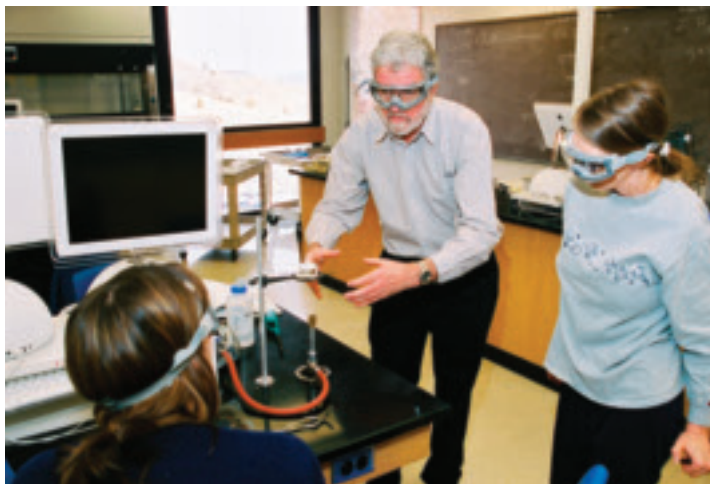
Since that time, he has taught chemistry to hundreds of TMCC students, and his accomplishments since 1980 are extensive. In honor of his outstanding instructional contributions, Clevenger will receive the 2004 Regents' Teaching Award for Community Colleges. Despite such honors, his greatest day-to-day satisfaction is still the joy of teaching chemistry concepts. He spent a brief stint as a research chemist for DuPont before he discovered that a community college was the ideal setting for his talents.

"We have a stimulating, creative environment... a place where beginning students, who really need and actively seek your help, come to improve themselves," he said. "This is where students who may lack background and confidence can—with good teaching—succeed, sometimes beyond even your wildest dreams."

Clevenger was among the first at TMCC to incorporate computers as laboratory instruments for data acquisition and analysis. The addition of computers to the field of chemistry made it possible to show experiments in "real time" and to analyze data to determine the usefulness of the results.

He has developed his style of teaching over the years, as he learned to ask the questions that required students to use critical thinking skills.

"I ask why canned diet soda floats and canned regular soda sinks in water," Clevenger said. "People learn when something is slightly different than what they expect."



John Clevenger, Ph.D., chemistry professor, works with students in a lab at the college's Dandini Campus.

Although students have compared Clevenger to having "Mr. Rogers for a slave driver," they also readily acknowledge that he sparks an unexpected interest in science and helps them learn critical thinking skills. Several of his students have earned master's and doctoral degrees in chemistry.

In addition to a full teaching schedule, Dr. Clevenger advocates for community colleges on a local and national level. For his many contributions, his colleagues elected him chair of the American Chemical Society's Division of Chemical Education for 2004. He is the first person in the history of ACS from a two-year college to serve as chair for the approximately 6,000 members.

In 1992, Dr. Clevenger was one of the first faculty members from a community college to serve as program director at the National Science Foundation. Through his work, others at NSF came to appreciate the quality and accomplishments of community college faculty. He also received the coveted Kendall-Hunt Outstanding Undergraduate Science Teacher Award in 1991 from the Society of College Science Teachers.



TMCC Chemistry Professor John Clevenger, Ph.D., will receive the 2004 Regents' Teaching Award.

## Thank you

Thank you to these donors for their recent gifts.

### Congressman Jim Gibbons

for assistance in obtaining a \$750,000 federal grant for nursing

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\$2,880 for drafting program equipment

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\$660 for annual fund

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\$600 for annual fund and childcare center

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\$500 for scholarships

# TMCC Trendsetters

**Anne-Louise Bennett**, executive director, institutional advancement and foundation, served as copy editor for *Emigrant Trails West: A Guide to the Applegate Trail*, published by Trails West, Inc. this month. The second in a series, the guide highlights markers along the various emigrant trails to California.

**Fred Lokken**, associate dean, teaching technologies, presented a seminar, “Being Proactive During Reactive Times,” at the Instructional Technologies Council annual conference in San Diego in February.

**J. Kyle Dalpe**, assistant director, publications and public information office, received a national award from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) for color photography at the annual conference in Baltimore in March. Dalpe also presented a seminar, “Photographing Your College Community,” at the conference.

**Travis Souza**, coordinator, instructional center for innovation, presented the seminar, “Open-Source CMS and Shared Content Libraries,” at the Instructional Technologies Council annual conference in San Diego in February.

**T.C. Glaeske**, grounds worker, facility services, has been selected as employee of the month for March.



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# TMCC Quotables

“Winning the state VICA contest and coming in seventh in the nation in the automotive competition, followed by a fourth place on the job interview competition, helped me refine my skills.”

— **David Boyer**, former TMCC automotive student and pit crew member with the National Hot Rod Association.

TMCC is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution. Qualified students with physical or documented learning disabilities have the right to free accommodations to ensure equal access to educational opportunities at TMCC.

